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Average price per cwt increased from \$9.96 in 2008 to \$13.40 in 2009. With spring and non-storage summer onions added in, total value of the 2009 harvested onions is \$1.09 million, up 25 percent from 2008.

ONIONS

Colorado producers expect to harvest 7,200 acres of summer storage onions in 2010, up 9 percent from last year. Wet, muddy fields delayed planting this year. Planting was completed a week behind schedule by the third week of May. By the beginning of July, the crop was rated in mostly good condition. The first production forecast for Colorado will be released on October 1, 2010.

Production of spring onions in the United States for 2010 is forecast at 8.37 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year. The crop is produced on 26,700 harvested acres. The average yield is 313 cwt per acre, 2 cwt below 2009. In California, cool weather delayed harvest. However, sizing of spring onions is reported to be good. In Georgia, the crop is in fair to good condition. Harvest was 96 percent complete by the first week in June. Production of non-storage onions is forecast at 9.55 million cwt, down slightly from last year. Harvested area covers 17,900 acres, up 3 percent from 2009. In California, the summer non-storage onion growing season was cooler and wetter than normal. However, the cool weather allowed onions to size nicely. In Nevada, the season started slow due to cool spring weather. In New Mexico, the crop is reported to be in good condition. Harvest is reported at 58 percent complete. In Texas, the summer non-storage onion harvest is underway. In Washington, onion harvest is behind schedule.

Growers expect to harvest 104,670 acres of storage onions this year, down 1 percent from last year. In California, storage onion growers experienced a cool and wet growing season. However, the cooler weather allowed onions to size nicely. In Colorado, planting was delayed due to wet and cool May conditions. However, the crop is reported to be in good to excellent condition. In Michigan, seeded field onions emerged in early May. As of June 1st, the summer storage onion crop was progressing well with minimal signs of stress from an early May frost. In Oregon, planting and harvesting were slightly delayed due to cool and wet conditions during spring.

The final tally of 2009 storage onion production is 57.4 million cwt, up 4 percent from 2008. Harvested area, at 106,060 acres, is up slightly from 2008. Average yield of 541 cwt per acre is 18 cwt above 2008. The 2009 storage crop is valued at \$704 million, an increase of 41 percent from 2008.

Onions for Fresh Market 2009-2010 Crops

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	for 2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Spring 1/	27,200	26,700	315	313	8,559	8,365
Summer 1/ Non-Storage	17,400	17,900	551	534	9,584	9,550
Storage 2/ CA 3/.....	31,400	29,000	455	2/	14,287	2/
CO	6,600	7,200	410	2/	2,706	2/
ID	8,800	9,100	740	2/	6,512	2/
MI	3,800	4,100	350	2/	1,330	2/
NY	10,300	9,800	415	2/	4,275	2/
OR-Malheur	11,200	11,100	700	2/	7,840	2/
OR-Other	9,100	8,900	600	2/	5,460	2/
WA	21,000	22,000	630	2/	13,230	2/
WI	2,000	2,000	500	2/	1,000	2/
Other	1,860	1,470	416	2/	774	2/
Subtotal	106,060	104,670	541	2/	57,414	2/
Total Summer...	123,460	122,570	543	2/	66,998	2/
U.S.	150,660	149,270	502	2/	75,557	2/

1/ Primarily fresh marketing. 2/ Yield and production for 2010 will be published 10/1/10. 3/ Primarily for processing.

CROP PRODUCTION JULY 12, 2010 COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Colorado is now forecast at 92.0 million bushels according to the Colorado Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This is up 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but 6 percent below last year's production. Growers expect to harvest 2.3 million acres this year, down 150,000 acres from 2009. The state's average yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous year and 1.0 bushel per acre above the June forecast. **Barley** production is initially forecast at 9.38 million bushels, down 10 percent from the 2009 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 67,000 acres, down from 77,000 harvested last year and yield is forecast at 140.0 bushels per acre, 5 bushels above last year. **Fall potato** growers in the San Luis Valley planted 55,500 acres this year, down 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 55,200 acres, unchanged from 2009. The first 2010 fall potato production forecast will be released November 9, 2010. **Summer potato**

production is expected to reach 1.64 million cwt for 2010 up 5 percent from the 2009 crop. Growers expect to harvest 4,000 acres this year, up 3 percent from the previous year. Average yield is initially forecast at 410 cwt per acre, 10 cwt above last year's yield. Colorado's 2010 **peach** crop is initially forecast at 14,000 tons, up 1,000 tons from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but down 1 percent from 2009. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 2.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be tied for the third highest yield on record, trailing only 1999 and 2008. Expected grain area totals 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year but unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010. Harvest in the 18 major producing States was 54 percent complete by July 4, slightly ahead of last year and the 5-year average.

Oats production is forecast at 87.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record. Based on conditions as of July 1, the yield is forecast at 66.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from 2009's record high yield. Growers expect to harvest 1.32 million acres for grain or seed, down 5 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the smallest harvested area on record.

Barley production for 2010 is forecast at 182 million bushels, down 20 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from a year ago. While the forecasted yield per acre is down 2 percent from a year ago, the expected decline in production is more a reflection of the lowest planted acreage on record and the lowest expected harvested acreage since 1883. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.55 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from 2009. Record high yields are expected in Arizona and Colorado, while a record tying yield is forecast for Idaho.

The United States **peach** production forecast is 1.13 million tons, up 2 percent from 2009. Fourteen of the twenty-three Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while six States decreased their production from the previous season, and three States showed no change. Freestone production, at 707,090 tons, is up 11 percent from last season. The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 420,000 tons, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but 10 percent below the 2009 crop. The crop experienced an adequate number of chilling hours for tree requirements. Full bloom, on a statewide basis, was declared on March 9, six days later than in 2009. This season's bloom was not as strong as last year and occurred over a longer period of time. Rain and colder than normal spring temperatures have slowed crop

development. The Late and Extra Late varieties are reported to be lighter than normal. Harvest began on June 23, five days later than last year. The California Freestone crop is forecast at 355,000 tons, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but 1 percent above the 2009 crop. Bloom started out quickly but was slowed due to cool spring temperatures. Lack of warm weather resulted in pollination problems. Hail damage affected various growing areas throughout the spring. Harvest continued during June with June Flame, Country Sweet, Earlirich, and Rich Lady the major varieties harvested.

Potato growers across the United States planted an estimated 1.03 million acres of potatoes in all four seasons of the 2010 crop year, down 4 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest, forecasted at 1.01 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2009. Area planted to **fall potatoes** in 2010 is estimated at 896,100 acres, down 4 percent from the 2009 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 882,300 acres, also down 4 percent from 2009. Idaho growers reduced planted area 8 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fewest planted acres since 1980. Washington producers planted 7 percent fewer acres than a year ago. If realized, this will be the lowest planted area since 1992. Oversupply and prices deterred producers from increasing acreage. Oregon growers reduced planted area 5 percent from last year. The crop got off to a slow start as cool, wet conditions slowed growth. In Maine, planted area dropped 1 percent from the previous year. Warm, dry conditions encouraged growth. In Colorado, producers started planting earlier than usual and finished ahead of the usual pace. Producers continued to voluntarily limit acreage this year for water conservation and supply management. In North Dakota, warm, dry weather allowed planting to begin earlier than normal and was 40 percent planted by April 25. Planting remained ahead of average and was virtually complete by May 30. Nearly all of Minnesota potatoes were planted by May 23. Due to recent rains, some operators had to replant their acreage, while some decided not to replant.

Production of **summer potatoes** is forecast at 13.1 million cwt, down 10 percent from 2009. Harvested area is estimated at 38,500 acres, 10 percent below last year. Average yield is forecast at 339 cwt per acre, down slightly from 2009. The reduction in production is due primarily to the fact that California's summer potatoes are combined with spring potatoes beginning in 2010. Production is expected to be down in Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, Texas, and Virginia. States forecasting an increase in production are Missouri, Illinois, and Colorado, where favorable conditions contributed to increased yields.

Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2009-2010

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,100	1,350	990	1,210	Bu.	153.0	5/	151,470	5/
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	180	210	150	140	Bu.	45.0	5/	6,750	5/
All Wheat.....	2,630	2,478	2,279	2,327	Bu.	40.6	6/	100,610	6/
Winter Wheat.....	2,600	2,450	2,450	2,300	Bu.	40.0	40.0	98,000	92,000
Spring Wheat.....	30	28	29	27	Bu.	90.0	6/	2,610	6/
Oats.....	60	47	9	5	Bu.	65.0	5/	585	5/
Barley	78	70	77	67	Bu.	135.0	140.0	10,395	9,380
Proso Millet.....	170	190	150	4/	Bu.	35.0	4/	5,250	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,600	1,620	Tons	2.99	5/	4,778	5/
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	850	840	Tons	3.9	5/	3,315	5/
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	780	Tons	1.95	5/	1,463	5/
Sugarbeets.....	35.1	29.0	35.0	28.0	Tons	27.5	5/	963	5/
Dry edible beans	57	55	53	51	Cwt.	1,600	5/	848	5/
Sunflowers, All.....	91	115	87	106	Lbs.	1,403	7/	122,060	7/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	70	80	68	75	Lbs.	1,320	7/	89,760	7/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil....	21	35	19	31	Lbs.	1,700	7/	32,300	7/
All potatoes.....	60.0	59.6	59.1	59.2	Cwt.	400	8/	23,640	8/
Summer potatoes	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	Cwt.	400	410	1,560	1,640
Fall potatoes.....	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2	Cwt.	400	8/	22,080	8/
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	...	5/
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	13	14
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005	Bu.	164.7	5/	13,110,062	5/
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	6,633	6,000	5,520	5,176	Bu.	69.4	5/	382,983	5/
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263	Bu.	44.4	45.9	2,216,171	2,215,761
Winter Wheat.....	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085	Bu.	44.2	46.9	1,522,718	1,505,493
Spring Wheat.....	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590	Bu.	45.1	44.6	584,411	606,755
Oats.....	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315	Bu.	67.5	66.7	93,081	87,726
Rye.....	1,241	1,186	252	250	Bu.	27.8	6/	6,993	6/
Barley	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546	Bu.	73.0	71.6	227,323	182,192
Proso Millet.....	350	385	293	4/	Bu.	33.7	4/	9,865	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	59,755	59,656	Tons	2.47	5/	147,442	5/
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	21,227	20,732	Tons	3.35	5/	71,030	5/
Other Hay .....	...	...	38,528	38,924	Tons	1.98	5/	76,412	5/
Sugarbeets.....	1,185.8	1,184.7	1,148.6	1,146.4	Tons	25.7	5/	29,563	5/
Dry edible beans	1,537.5	1,742.3	1,463.0	1,670.1	Cwt.	1,733	5/	25,360	5/
Sunflowers, All.....	2,030	2,093	1,953.5	2,011.3	Lbs.	1,554	7/	3,036,460	7/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	1,698	1,652	1,653.0	1,596.5	Lbs.	1,563	7/	2,584,010	7/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil.....	332.0	441.0	300.5	414.8	Lbs.	1,506	7/	452,450	7/
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,069.5	1,027.6	1,044.7	1,010.4	Cwt.	413	8/	431,478	8/
Summer potatoes	44.2	39.6	42.7	38.5	Cwt.	340	339	14,522	13,061
Fall potatoes.....	937.1	896.1	919.6	882.3	Cwt.	428	8/	393,503	8/
Soybeans.....	77,461	78,868	76,372	77,986	Bu.	44.0	5/	3,359,011	5/
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,914.9	5/
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,103.8	1,127.1
Pears .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	957.2	5/

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops. 4/ Jan. 2011. 5/ August 12, 2010. 6/ September 30, 2010. 7/ October 8, 2010. 8/ November 9, 2010.

MILK PRODUCTION

JUNE 2010

Milk production in Colorado during June 2010 totaled 237 million pounds, down 7 million pounds from the same period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows for June of this year was 117,000 head, down 9,000 head from June 2009. Production per cow averaged 2,025 pounds for June, up from 1,940 pounds produced a year ago.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during June totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from June 2009. May revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from May 2009. The May revision represented an increase of 40 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,816 pounds for June, 67 pounds above June 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 87,000 head less than June 2009, but 10,000 head more than May 2010. Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 49.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.11 million head, 151,000 head less than the same period last year.

Milk Production, June, 2009-2010

Item	Unit	2009	2010
Colorado:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	126	117
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>	Lbs.	1,940	2,025
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	244	237
United States:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	8,434	8,347
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>	Lbs.	1,749	1,816
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	14,754	15,154

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

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